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Justice of the Supreme Court by Designation since 1995.

Judge McGann has been an Adjunct Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at St. John's University since 1977. He has lectured nationally on arson and other Fire Service related issues. He attended the National College of District Attorneys and the Cornell Organized Crime School.

He is a member of the Queens County Bar and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Judge McGann is also a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild and is active in his parish, St. Andrew Avellino.

Judge McGann and his wife, Jane, are the proud parents of two daughters, Laura and Elizabeth.

Mr. Speaker, please join me recognizing Judge Robert C. McGann on a distinguished career, and his lifetime of commitment to Queens County and New York City.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK WEEK AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE LONG BEACH BIKESTATION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, May 14–20 is National Bike to Work Week. As a longtime supporter of bicycling, I encourage Americans to participate in this week of safe cycling as an alternative way to commute. As concerns rise about congestion on our roads and more air pollution, many workers forget about an alternative that is good for the soul and the environment.

Many commuters must rely on cars or public transit to get to work or school. However, for many, biking to work represents an often overlooked alternative. The bicycle represents a clean and convenient method of travel that more Americans are utilizing to stay fit, avoid traffic jams, parking hassles and expense, and promote clean air.

One development that is helping to make biking more attractive to commuters is located in the district I represent. The Long Beach Bikestation offers a public bike/transit center strategically located in downtown Long Beach to help people ride their bikes to work. Fifty thousand bikes have been used by satisfied customers. This facility won the Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Excellence award for Excellence in Community Livability in 1999. The Bikestation connects to more than 30 miles of suburban bike paths, downtown employment, shopping and a dining district. Modeled after facilities in Europe and Japan, the Long Beach Bike Station is considered the first of its kind in the United States and has inspired many similar facilities across the nation.

The Bikestation was launched primarily with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, or ISTEA. Since its opening in 1996, the facility has offered access to Metro Rail and bus/shuttle services, free secure "valet" bicycle parking, rental bikes for

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tourists and local businesses, a changing room, repairs and accessories shop, bike/transit information and a small café for refreshments.

Building upon the gains in ISTEA, Congress broadened its support for bicyclists in 1998 with the passage of the Transportation Equity for the 21st Century Act, or TEA–21. This law explicitly made bike paths and facilities eligible for federal funding. It also mandates that bicyclists and pedestrians will be included in long range transportation plans and that bicyclist access and safety must be addressed in transportation projects.

I comment those who are promoting bike safety and awareness by participating in Bike to Work Week. More information on bicycle safety can be found on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike.

HONORING ANDREW U. AMWAY FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, as the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a teacher who has spent the last forty-one years educating students in my district.

Mr. Andrew U. Amway is a history teacher, the head of the social studies department, a coach, a club advisor and a mentor to countless Hempfield High School students. After spending one year teaching elementary students in a different school district, Mr. Amway came to Hempfield where he spent the rest of his career. Many students learned not only American history in his classroom, but also to take pride in being an American. He is an old-fashioned teacher that believes that hard work is the key to success. And he has certainly been successful in teaching and leading his students. The accomplishments of his students both in academics and in life speak for themselves.

Not only is Mr. Amway a dedicated teacher, but he served as the coach for several athletic teams at the high school—boys and girls tennis, boys and girls swimming, and cross country. During his thirty-nine years of coaching his combined record is an astonishing 1397–254–4. His teams have captured numerous district and league titles.

It is safe to say that Mr. Amway knows how to get the best out of his students both in class and on the playing field.

Forty-one years is a long time to work in any job, but it is particularly unusual in this day and age to find a teacher that has been in the classroom that long. At Hempfield High School, it is the end of an era. Thank you, Mr. Amway for your many years of service.

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HILLEL ACADEMY OF PITTSBURGH'S RECOGNITION OF SOPHIE MASLOFF AND ZVI AND RINA SHULDINER

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I acknowledge an upcoming event in my district. The Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh will recognize three individuals who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in our community.

Former Mayor of Pittsburgh Sophie Masloff will be honored for her many years of public service. Under her leadership the City weathered some difficult challenges and laid the groundwork for the prosperity that it is enjoying today. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Mayor Masloff during that time, and I was always impressed by her energy and her dedication to the people of the City of Pittsburgh.

Hillel Academy will also honor Zvi and Rina Shuldiner, who have served Hillel in a number of capacities, including their work as faculty members and as volunteer chairpersons for major school events. They have been involved in a number of activities that have benefited the Jewish community in Pittsburgh. The Shuldiners, it should be noted, are also the proud parents of three Hillel alumni.

I congratulate Mayor Masloff and Zvi and Rina Shuldiner, and I want to thank both them and the Hillel Academy for their efforts to improve the quality of life in Pittsburgh.

CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 701) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes;

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999, and in support of the motion to recommit the bill to guarantee that any expenditure of funds will not jeopardize Social Security and Medicare. I strongly believe that eliminating the national debt and securing the financial future of Social Security and Medicare should be our top priorities. We must take advantage of our economic good times to secure these successful programs and rid this nation of its public debt.

During consideration of H.R. 701, Congressman Shadegg offered an amendment that purported to accomplish these goals. While I

strongly supported the spirit of my colleague's amendment, it appears that its real intent was to prevent the strong conservation programs in the bill from being funded. The amendment stated that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) must provide "certification" that the public debt will be fully paid by 2013, that there will not be an on-budget deficit, and that the Social Security and Medicare trust funds will not fall into a deficit in the next five years before any CARA funding could be dispersed. As the CBO has asserted, it is not able to make such certifications, but can only provide estimates. Because of these technical imperfections in the Shadegg proposal, I believe his amendment would permanently block all CARA funding. For this reason, I joined 207 of my colleagues in voting against this amendment, and supported the motion to recommit the bill to ensure that Social Security and Medicare would truly be protected.

I am a cosponsor of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act CARA, because I strongly support increasing the federal investment in conservation. This bill will make an important, dramatic change in the funding of conservation programs. It establishes a permanent funding source for these programs by setting aside royalties earned from off-shore oil and gas drilling. This funding will be directed toward, coastal conservation, land acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, wildlife conservation, urban parks and recreation, historic preservation, federal and Indian land restoration, and endangered species recovery. Additional funds are also designated to increase federal payments for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes payments and the Refuge Revenue Sharing programs. I urge my colleagues to support his bipartisan legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAVE THE
CHILDREN'S WORK TO STAVE
OFF A LOOMING FAMINE IN
ETHIOPIA

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today I call attention to the exemplary work of Save the Children, a relief organization based in my home state of Connecticut. For nearly seventy years, Save the Children has worked to relieve the suffering of millions of men, women and children worldwide. Save the Children has been on the front lines of humanitarian crises in Africa, Asia and Latin America, delivering humanitarian assistance to millions in need. In the United States, and specifically in Connecticut, Save the Children's relief workers have lent their assistance to both adults and children in underprivileged communities.

Save the Children represents the best of what America has to offer. Today, Gary Shaye, Vice President of International Programs for Save the Children International, testified before the House International Relations Committee on the organization's efforts to stave off a looming famine in Ethiopia. Save the Children's relief workers were among the

first on the ground in Ethiopia, helping to deliver critical food and humanitarian assistance to victims in the hardest-hit areas. The organization has spearheaded education, public health and food distribution programs in the region to meet the needs of a people on the brink of starvation.

Ethiopia today faces a crisis not unlike the famine of 1984. Sustained periods of drought have led to high rates of malnutrition, severe water shortages and a significant loss of livestock. Save the Children has developed a program to address each of these issues, by aiding in the distribution of food and water to the poorest areas and by vaccinating livestock to prevent death and improve the food security of families who depend on livestock for their livelihood. The organization has prepared and initiated food distribution programs for some 135,600 children and adult family members in the Liben, Afdheer, and Borena regions, with plans to distribute 9,200 metric tons of wheat, vegetable oil, and corn soya blend.

Over 10 million people face severe food shortages in Ethiopia alone. Nearly 16 million in the Greater Horn of Africa risk imminent starvation. We cannot afford to turn our backs to their outstretched arms or turn a deaf ear to their anguished cries. Instead, we must continue to provide humanitarian assistance to these victims. I am particularly proud that Save the Children of Connecticut is helping to lead this effort, both within Africa and our own country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, during the day on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, I attended the funeral services for Representative STUPAK's son. As a result, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 190 through 193.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 190, "yes" on rollcall 191, "yes" on rollcall 192, and "yes" on rollcall 193.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE OVER 60
HEALTH CENTER, CENTER FOR
ELDERS INDEPENDENCE AND
MABLE HOWARD APARTMENTS
IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the Grand Opening of the Over 60 Health Center, Center for Elders Independence and the Mable Howard Apartments located in the new Over 60 Building in Berkeley, California. This event will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2000, and include public tours, food and entertainment.

The Over 60 Building is a unique collaboration of three local non-profit organizations.

Over 60, a division of LifeLong Medical Care, is the oldest community health center serving seniors in the United States; the Center for Elders Independence is one of 13 nationally-acclaimed "Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly" (PACE); and Resources for Community Development is a developer of low-income housing in Alameda County. This partnership will offer a full continuum of medical and community-based long term care services for low-income elders that will allow them to remain independent, socially active and live in a community throughout their life span.

In addition to the health care component of this new facility is the Mable Howard Apartments, named posthumously for one of Berkeley's most active, committed and influential residents. This site includes forty affordable studios and one-bedroom apartments for seniors with health care services just an elevator ride away.

The opening will showcase the building, introduce the local community and media outlets to these services, and unveil a community mosaic art project featuring beautiful tiles handmade by over 600 elders and children that are installed throughout the building. This art project was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Over 60 Building is truly an innovative model of care for seniors, quickly becoming a source of civic pride and a valuable resource for the citizens of Berkeley. I am excited to join in this grand opening and look forward to the possibility of similar facilities being established throughout the country.

IN HONOR OF JULIANA TEXLEY,
RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF
ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of retiring Superintendent of Anchor Bay Schools, Juliana Texley. Administrator, educator, author and mother, Dr. Texley has dedicated her life to sharing knowledge and bringing it to others in multiple formats and settings.

Dr. Texley has been with the Anchor Bay Community Schools since 1990, but has been educating all her life. Beginning her career as a science and math teacher at Richmond High School, as her education increased, so did her responsibilities as an educator. She held instructor positions at Macomb Community College, St. Clair County Community College, Wayne State University, and Central Michigan University. Dr. Texley's influence on students has transcended the traditional classroom. She has contributed to many of the most respected scientific journals, studies and forums in the sciences.

Mr. Texley's toughness and determination were just what the Anchor Bay schools needed when she took over as Superintendent in 1993. She oversaw the rebuilding of a district ready to burst due to urban sprawl and new development. Thanks to her vision and resolve the Anchor Bay School system will soon see